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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

LAW SECRETARIAT

Passes orders on the recommendation of the Committee constituted in connection with the Bamboo Bazaar Fire Accident in Bangalore.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 4051—41-45, dated the 13th April 1945, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, regarding fire accident on 23rd March 1945, in the Bamboo Bazaar, Bangalore City.

ORDER No. L. 12074-8—Ml. 192-44-8, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14TH JUNE 1945.

On the afternoon of 23rd March 1945, a fire accident occurred in the Bamboo Bazaar, Bangalore City. It was reported that this accident resulted in considerable loss to the dealers in bamboo. In order to ascertain what relief should be provided forthwith and what steps were necessary to prevent a recurrence of such accidents in future, a small Committee of suitable officials and non-officials was constituted in G. O. No. L. 9804-11—Ml. 192-44-1, dated the 31st March 1945, with appropriate terms of reference, with the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, as its President to go into the question thoroughly and to make its recommendations to Government.

The Committee reported that the fire accident referred to was the third of a series of fires occurring almost consecutively in the same locality, that the extent of damage caused on the two previous occasions—7th July 1942 and 11th February 1944—was estimated at Rs. 39,500 and Rs. 55,000, respectively, while the fire of March last was the biggest causing a total damage of about Rs. 20·2 lakhs, of which the value of the buildings was estimated at Rs. 2 lakhs and that of the stock-in-trade at Rs. 18 lakhs. The Committee was of opinion that the present Bamboo Bazaar might be shifted to a less vulnerable area.

After a careful consideration of the question in all its aspects, Government are pleased to order as under :—

(1) The Bamboo Bazaar should be shifted from its present site.

(2) The new Bamboo Bazaar may be located in the [illegible]n site east of Lal-bagh road and south of the Municipal [illegible]in.

(3) The Government will, on their own account, acquire the site and provide the necessary amenities such as roads, water, drainage and lighting at a total estimated cost of Rs. 2 lakhs.

(4) The site should be demarcated into convenient plots suitably enclosed by high compound walls and necessary structures provided with provision for fire gaps between each enclosure or blocks of enclosures. This work which is estimated to cost about Rs. 4 lakhs may be undertaken by the City Municipality. If the Municipality has no funds, Government will be prepared to sanction to the City Municipality a loan of Rs. 4 lakhs at 3 per cent interest, repayable in fifteen years.

(5) If the City Municipality has not the staff to carry out the works expeditiously, the Trust Board will take up the works and complete them on behalf of the Municipality.

(6) The ownership of the land will be vested in the Municipality and it may frame suitable bye-laws to enforce better regulation of the trade in the new site.

(7) Special loans will be granted in deserving cases not exceeding Rs. 5,000 in any single case on terms and conditions more or less similar to Takavi loans.

(8) In the case of those who have lost more than 75 per cent of their stock-in-trade, timber other than teak, not exceeding three hundred cubic feet, and bamboos not exceeding ten cart-loads will be granted at concession rates, *i.e.*, at 75 per cent of the Forest Depot rate.

(9) The enclosing walls for the plots, the bunks and storage sheds for each plot will have to be provided by the Municipality. The cost of these appurtenances and structures has been included in the estimate of four lakhs of rupees referred to in clause (4) above.

(10) The Municipality should not alienate or convert to any other purpose the site without the permission of the Government.

The Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore City, is requested to furnish Government with the opinion of the Municipal Council on the scheme together with concrete proposals to give effect to the scheme as expeditiously as possible.

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